

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

951st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	16.0
Hours flown	9.3
Monthly offset	-7.0
950th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	95.0
Hours flown	38.9
Monthly offset	56.1
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	76.0
Sorties flown	64.7
Monthly offset	-11.3
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	58.4
Sorties flown	52.4
Monthly offset	6.0
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	31.0
Hours flown	17.5
Monthly offset	-13.5

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Feb. 5

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY	Mostly cloudy NE winds @ 10-12 knots High: 66 Low: 57
SATURDAY	Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers E/SW winds @ 10-12 knots High: 66 Low: 61
SUNDAY	Partly cloudy SE winds @ 10-12 knots High: 72 Low: 61

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITY BANK
EXCHANGE RATES
BUYING: \$1=Y115 SELLING: Y121=\$1

Curfew lifted, liberty cards remain

By Senior Master Sgt.
Kenneth Fidler
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena's temporary liberty stand-down ends today, lifting the blanket requirement for all Airmen to be on a military base or in their off-base quarters between midnight and 5 a.m.

"The stand down was designed to let us reflect on the fundamentals of team readiness and taking care of our wingmen," said Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton, 18th Wing

commander. "I think we've accomplished that, especially with the renewed focus we've asked from our front-line supervisors—our staff and technical sergeants—to help ensure our younger Airmen get the right vector at the right time to head off potential incidents."

The Liberty Card program also continues today. Blue card holders must remain on a military installation or at any military member's off-base residence between 1 and 5 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday mornings (Friday and Saturday nights) and midnight to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday (Sunday through Thursday nights). Silver card holders have no liberty restrictions. This program does not apply to civilian and contract employees, family members or members of other services.

The liberty stand-down began Jan. 27 in response to off-base incidents that occurred over two weekends in the Gate 2 street area. These incidents

included underage drinking, assaults, and a case of unlawful entry.

Chief Master Sgt. Clinton Camac, 18th Wing command chief master sergeant, said the events of those two weekends served as detractors to the wing's combat readiness.

"When these events occur, they turn our attention away from mission readiness," Chief Camac explained. "It's about establishing personal accountability and an unwavering commitment to professional-

ism. When put in a position to make a decision that is alcohol induced, it may lead us to make out-of-character decisions. We must have a plan ahead of time to avoid a compromising situation."

"It's also about partnership with our local community, which also affects readiness," said the Chief. "We can't forget that every time we walk out that gate we're U.S. ambassadors—representatives of both the Air Force and our nation."

New childcare registry put to test during upcoming exercise

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Finding child care for the 18th Wing's upcoming local operational readiness exercise will be a little bit easier to manage thanks to one innovative customer.

Staff Sgt. Jason Scheunemann, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron organizational computer manager and father of three, recently developed a website database to help Kadena's Child Development Center. The site allows the CDC to forecast manpower requirements to staff the CDC during wing exercises or mandatory work weekends.

Over the last couple of weeks, CDC customers have been registering their weekend childcare requirements online at Kadena's secure homepage (<https://www.kadena.af.mil>). As of Tuesday, more than 150 customers were already registered, which exceeds the minimum requirement for providing childcare.

The online database allows the sponsor to fill out details on the hours of childcare needed, as well as the number of children requiring care and their ages. The database takes the information and tallies the number of children requiring care per hour so CDC officials can determine how many rooms and staff members are needed.

"The potential of this program to provide more accurate data is very promising," said Col. Guy Palumbo, 18th Services Squadron commander. "As is normally true, the best ideas come from folks who understand the process and frustrations. Sergeant Scheunemann seems to have hit the mark."

Maj. Michael Lawrence, 18th CMS commander, said the new program will also give commanders, first sergeants and CDC staff better accountability of customers.

"Each group commander has a representative who tracks the number of people registered in each squadron as well as those who apply but don't follow through," he explained.

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Kadena pilot awarded Bronze Star



Air Force/Chiaki Iramine

(Right) Capt. Bryan Bellamy, 44th Fighter Squadron, receives the Bronze Star from Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, 5th Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan commander, during a ceremony at the 44th Fighter Squadron Jan. 30. While deployed to Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, Captain Bellamy served as an air liaison officer coordinating air support missions against insurgents.

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

A 44th Fighter Squadron pilot was recently awarded the Bronze Star for his contributions to the War on Terrorism during a ceremony at the squadron Jan. 30.

Capt. Bryan Bellamy, who deployed to Baghdad International Airport between November 2003 and February 2004, served as an air liaison officer coordinating air support mis-

sions for the Army's 1st Armored Division.

When President George W. Bush flew into Baghdad unannounced for Thanksgiving in November 2003, Captain Bellamy coordinated Air Force One's escort.

He was also credited with coordinating nearly 500 combat sorties, including the employment of the Predator and Scatbe View unmanned aerial vehicles for dedicated combat air support roles.

The Air Force Academy graduate coordinated a specific Predator mission that helped capture two insurgents who were transporting equipment to build improvised explosive devices.

"I have a much better appreciation for the guys on the ground," Captain Bellamy said about the Soldiers and Airmen who called in for air support. "While flying missions over Iraq

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Winning, teamwork, leadership, vision

New commander highlights guiding themes

By Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton
18th Wing Commander

Warriors of Team Kadena—thank you for the fantastic welcome you gave Kathleen and me at last week's assumption of command ceremony. That first impression of the Air Force's largest combat wing and the joint service team that defines Kadena was extremely impressive; I'm very proud to have the honor of leading the Shoguns through the many challenges before us.

The 18th Wing is a living success story—leading the Air Force, not just in combat assets, but in mission accomplishment. We are excited to join this high paced and superior performance team. These are extremely important times for our nation and our Air Force, so as I visit units and get a feel for how you are operating, you'll hear me talk about four guiding themes for sustaining our lead role in influencing regional and global security.

First, and foremost, we must focus on WINNING. Americans rely on us to defend them and their interests—and victory is the only option. We translate that winning spirit into everything we do. We stand on the shoulders of great Airmen who dedicated themselves to winning. That's our heritage—our



legacy here at Kadena must be the same. The nation is depending on us to be ready...and to win.

For us, winning is done as a team. So, the second key theme is TEAMWORK. It starts in your flight or section. Pulling together as a team will unleash the power of your organization. But that is only the beginning. We need to look for teammates in everything we do. Sections and flights teaming together will create a squadron of excellence. Partnering with others who share in the success of your operation will enable all of us to achieve more. Build a habit of finding new teammates. Our teammates are everywhere: Airmen here at Kadena, Marines on Okinawa, Soldiers in Korea, and Sailors spread throughout the Pacific. As warriors, we must be prepared to fight alongside our joint partners and coalition partners—especially from Japan.

Fundamentally, the success of our teams hinges on LEADERSHIP. Team Kadena's reputation owes much to the leadership of commanders, chiefs, and shirts of six groups, 37 squadrons and other associate units on this base. But our real greatness lies with front-line supervisors in those units—the NCOs who ensure excellence in duty performance, job safety, and professionalism—on and off duty. Even more important, we need each Airman focused on continuing to develop his/her own leadership skills...because, at a moment you may not get to choose, we'll rely on you to take a leadership role to

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get the mission accomplished. No one asked how many stripes were on the sleeve of then-Airman Levitow when he stepped up to be the leader.

Finally, we need to think and plan beyond today and our daily operations. That VISION will set us up to succeed in the future. Solve your problems before they occur—then, solve your boss' problems before they occur. And be aware of what's coming at us. On our horizon we have several training deployments, the opportunity to welcome home many of our Air Expeditionary Force 10 deployed Airmen in May, the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, and the deployment of a significant part of our team for AEF 5 in less than a year.

In addition to thinking long term for our team, you need to think long term as an individual. Every Airman should be focused on improving personal fitness, education, and readiness. Keeping an eye to the road ahead will ensure we're prepared to meet any challenge.

Winning, teamwork, leadership and vision will keep 18th Wing on course and "out in front" as AMERICA'S PREMIER AIRPOWER WING. I also expect that the rest of U.S. Pacific Command will continue to look toward the hub of Pacific airpower with a sense of awe—and pride—in the outstanding job the Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines of Team Kadena do each day for our nation, and for the Alliance.

When the joint commander calls, we'll be ready!

**Don't drink
& drive**
It has been...
25 days
since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.
60 days = 18th Wing 'Down Day'

An airman first class from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a \$400 fine, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for DUI.

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The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.



SHOGUN WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



Airman 1st Class Seneca Shelton
Unit: 18th Comptroller Squadron
Hometown: Jacksonville, Ark.
Reason for nomination: Airman Shelton superior knowledge of the Defense Travel System resulted in nearly 100 short notice temporary duty assignment authorizations getting process with no errors.
Time at Kadena: 1 year



Tech. Sgt. Frank Graziano
Unit: 18th Mission Support Squadron
Hometown: Youngs Town, Ohio
Reason for nomination: Sergeant Frank Graziano briefed a College of Enlisted Professional Military Education inspector during a biennial program management review resulting in an "Outstanding" rating.
Time at Kadena: 3 years

This week in 18th Wing History

Nine Kadena Airmen who were held as prisoners of war in North Vietnam were released from captivity Feb. 12, 1973. Among them were 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron pilots Lt. Col. James Risner and Capt. Wesley Schierman.

A peek inside the E-3 Sentry [AWACS]



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards
Senior Airman Brandon Schmidt, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, explains component functions of the Airborne Warning and Control Aircraft to Japan Self-Defense Forces senior officers during a Joint Staff College tour of 18th Wing units Feb. 1. Approximately 40 JSDF students and JSC staff visit Kadena annually.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know? Approximately one out of every 130 licensed drivers in the United States is arrested for drunken driving every year. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 634-2233.

INVESTIGATION: Anyone with information about a vehicle that struck a 6-year-old boy on a bike on Patterson Ave. across from Kadena Elementary School on Feb. 2 at approximately 3:20 p.m. should contact 18th Security Forces law enforcement at 634-2475.

DRAGON BOAT VOLUNTEERS: Men and women are needed for teams that will participate in this year's Naha Dragon Boat Race scheduled for May 5. Volunteers must be Airmen, civilian employees or family members over the age of 18. For more information, call 634-0562.

SPOUSES ORIENTATION: Air Force spouses with less than five years affiliation with the military can attend the Heartlink spouses orientation Feb. 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kadena Family Support Center, Bldg. 99. Heartlink provides valuable tools for spouses to adapt to the military lifestyle. The event will feature guest speakers, games and door prizes. Lunch and breakfast will be provided. Childcare assistance will also be available, if needed. Call 634-3366 for more information and to register. Registration ends Feb. 10.

BIBLE STUDY: Protestant Women of the Chapel winter Bible study sessions run every Tuesday until April 4. Bible studies are held from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kadena Chapel 1. All

women are invited to the PWOC Winter Retreat, February 17-19 at the Grand Mer Hotel. For more information, go to <http://home.attmil.ne.jp/apwoc2>.

SUMMER HIRE BRIEFING: The civilian personnel office will present summer program guidelines and explain the application process March 4 at the Banyan Tree Club at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tentative employment dates begin June 26 and end Aug. 18. Students must pre-position a resume on the Air Force Personnel Center Employment site and self-nominate for consideration. At least one parent should accompany each applicant to the scheduled briefings and bring a copy of the sponsor's orders, passport and social security card. For more info, call 634-1358.

MUNITIONS CLOSURE: The Munitions Storage Area will be closed for a semi-annual inventory between March 6 and March 17. All issue request for munitions items need to be submitted to munitions accountability by Feb. 13. For more information, e-mail FV5270@kadena.af.mil.

SUICIDE PREVENTION/VIOLENCE AWARENESS BRIEF: There will be a Suicide Prevention and Violence Awareness briefing at the Keystone Theater March 8 at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TROOPS AND SPOUSES TO TEACHERS: Troops and Spouses to Teachers Briefings will be held March 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Kadena High School auditorium. Individual appointments will also be taken after the briefing at the Kadena Education Center, Bldg. 59.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES

Below are some of the events planned for this year's African-American History Month. For more information about AAHM activities, call 634-5415.

- **Elementary School Reading Fest** - To volunteer to read books written by African-American authors or about African-American heritage, call 632-5294.
- **Black Film Festival** - The African-American Culture Association celebrates African-American Heritage Month with the screening of various free movies at the Schilling Community Center and Jack's Place (near Gate 1). Below are some of the screenings:

Schilling: 6:30 p.m. Thursday - She's Gotta Have It and Lady Day Sings.

Jack's Place: 6 p.m. Sunday - A Lesson Before Dying and Chisholm '72; 6 p.m. Feb. 19 - Unforgivable Blackness and Great White Hope; 6 p.m. Feb. 26 - Carmen. There will also be screenings at Camp Foster's Globe and Anchor. Call Bernie Price at 633-5350 for more information.

- **Gospel Fest** - The event will showcase gospel music from churches island-wide at the Keystone Theater Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 632-7000.
- **Luncheon** - The formal event at the Rocker NCO Club will start at noon Feb. 22.

Representatives from Florida, Michigan and Indiana will brief, and offer individual counseling sessions from 1 to 5 p.m. at the center. For more information, or to make an appointment, call the Kadena Education Center (Building 59) at 634-1500.

DIRECT TO HOME SATELLITES: Kadena's furnishings management is currently issuing American Forces Network direct-to-home satellites to active-duty military and Defense Department civilians residing off base. On-base housing and dorm residents, contractors, local national employees, reservists and retirees are excluded from this service. To order the service, visit www.kadena.af.mil to fill out an application online. Applications can be e-mailed to fmo@kadena.af.mil, or turned in to the Kadena Housing Office. Call 632-4206 for more information.

DIRECT DIALING FROM OFF BASE: A new feature, Direct Inward Dial, allows off base callers to dial directly to a Kadena phone number. Below are the corresponding numbers:

630-XXXX = 098-960-XXXX
632-XXXX = 098-962-XXXX
633-XXXX = 098-959-XXXX
634-XXXX = 098-961-XXXX

Callers may receive a busy signal during high traffic hours.

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

- The Japan Air Self-Defense Force Southwestern Composite Air Division and the 18th Wing started 10 days of joint training Monday. Approximately eight F-4s from JASDF Naha Air Base and ten Kadena F-15s are participating in the training in order to improve tactical techniques and practice air defense. This is the 33rd joint

training event since 1979.

- Okinawa construction companies are coming to grips with the reality that American military projects are essential for them to stay in business. Japan's lagging economy, coupled with the implementation of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's Trinity Reform Plan, which cuts funding to the prefectures, impacts new construction projects. On Okinawa, however, there's a construction boom at U.S. military bases as both Kadena Air

Base and Camp Foster continue to grow and upgrade old facilities. Japanese officials say ¥100 billion is earmarked for additional military construction projects this year, with Okinawa construction companies getting the contracts. A representative of the Prefecture Construction Companies Group said plainly, "Without American bases, our businesses will never survive. Military bases are our life." The group spokesman also noted that since 1950 the prefecture has prospered because of U.S. bases in Okinawa. The American and Japanese governments budget approximately ¥50 billion every year for base construction projects.

tion projects.

- On Feb. 2, The Okinawa Prefectural Police reported that the number of U.S. service members and civilians detained by police decreased in 2005. There were a total of 66 crimes, seven more than last year, but the number of those detained decreased to 65, seven less than last year. The decline follows a two-year trend. The superintendent of OPP's International Crime Control Office said, "It's hard to analyze the data since overall numbers are not that high, but I think that the patrols we conduct around the military bases helped."



Courtesy photo

Pumped up downrange

Staff Sgt. James Gardner, deployed from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, pumps fuel into a fuel tank truck at Ali Air Base, Iraq, recently. Sergeant Gardner is one of more than 490 Kadena Airmen currently deployed in Support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Security forces transformation: More than meets the eye

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- As the Air Force continues to adapt for the future, changes to the security forces career field will affect the total force.

Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a "refocus" on how his people train and fight.

"We're not in the Cold War anymore; we have to alter our mentality and our practices for today's reality," the general said. "Because of the nature of the threat, our Airmen are fighting the global war on terror on the front lines, and we owe it to them to provide training, equipment and resources to be effective."

Essentially security forces Airmen will focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations, as well as security at a fixed installation, General Holmes said.

As an example, he cited an Air Force Task Force that operated around Balad Air Base, Iraq, for two months last year. The unit patrolled the local towns and found weapons caches as well as individuals who posed a threat to the base.

"Our Airmen are going 'outside the wire' to conduct missions and are proving successful in keeping people safe," Gen. Holmes said. "Not only for the

folks stationed at the base, but people who live and work in the local area as well. This is very important in the present war on terror."

Security forces Airmen must learn counter-insurgency techniques and in doing so, they'll operate more effectively in joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air & space operations.

"We need to be prepared for a full-spectrum of threats against an air field," General Seip said. "That means taking more responsibility for defense of our mission, so our sister services can concentrate on their own tasks. We need to understand how they operate, so we're working closely with the Army to identify additional ways to train our Airmen."

While security forces will focus more on their warfighting competencies, Air Force leaders are reviewing several options for installation protection duties, like entry control, at home stations. Plans call for more DoD civilians, greater affiliation with Guard and Reserve, and better use of technologies, General Holmes said.

The changes to the security forces career field will present the opportunity for other Airmen to participate in installation security. While that doesn't necessarily mean everyone will have a rotation checking identification cards at a gate, it does mean

more comprehensive training, awareness and capability to respond and participate, he said.

"Will every Airman be a cop? No. But every Airman will be a warrior," General Holmes said. "Every Airman needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack. This means more than just qualifying with a weapon. We want Airmen to be comfortable with their duty weapon and to develop their shooting skills."

While definitive plans have not been finalized, General Holmes also said one of the transformation goals is bringing security forces Airmen back in step with standard Air Force 120-day deployments.

"Right now our folks are going out for 179-day rotations," he said. "Our Airmen need time to reconstitute and train, so it's important to get them in line with the rest of the Air Force. We aim to do just that."

Overall, General Holmes said the changes would make security forces Airmen more effective and relevant to Air Force needs in the face of the current changing nature of warfare.

"We want to make our Airmen more proficient, and to do that, we need to adapt," Gen. Holmes said. "We're going to change our training, our tactics and our procedures and the Air Force will be better for it."

USFJ chief talks professionalism, ambassadorship

(Following are excerpts from an interview with Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy, command chief master sergeant for U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force. Chief Roy visited Kadena Jan 30-31.)

What issues do you focus on in your role as the top enlisted leader in Japan?

What I'm really focusing on these days is professionalism. What I mean by professionalism is the moral character our parents and grandparents taught us about the difference between right and wrong. The other piece of that is what our Air Force has taught us about core values. As I like to frame it, we need everybody to have their 9-level in our core values. It's much more than just knowing the definitions. It's about the application. I think we need to be obsessed with this professionalism piece day in and day out. We are all charged to make sure that everybody else is living by those standards that our Air Force, that our nation, expect of us.



Chief Master Sgt.
James Roy
USFJ Command Chief

I also focus a lot on the word ambassadorship. We must all be good ambassadors to our host nation. We represent the U.S. and we need to make sure it's a very positive representation. Whether it's the types of clothing we wear or how we act downtown.

It is Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright's intent, as the U.S. Forces Japan Commander, to focus on three issues: taking care of our people, strengthening our joint and bilateral defense capabilities, and building better relations. How do you define these issues?

Taking care of people is a rudimentary thing that we do. We need to take care of all of our Airmen, regardless of whether it's a family or a work situation. We need to make sure that we educate them, that we provide them the proper training to do their job, and we need to make sure we provide the proper equipment to do the job.

I spend an awful lot of time on the joint and bilateral piece. Working with the other services, we foster good relations with our bilateral partners. In the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, their NCO corps is very, very strong. For the first time in history, they'll have a Chief Master Sergeant of the JASDF and a command chief program. We also have Airmen from JASDF attend our leadership schools.

For local relations...the alliance we have here in Japan, as our president has said, is one of the strongest and one of the most important. Here at Kadena the Special Olympics [scheduled for June] fosters a very positive relationship with the local community.

What is your perspective of the wingman culture?

The wingman culture, to me, is much more than me being assigned to you and you being assigned to me. What it means to me is that we're assigned to everybody. And I look at the wingman program not as a one-day event; it's every day. Every day we wake up we need to be thinking of taking care of people. It wraps into our commander's intent. It's about looking out there and making sure people are doing the right things, whether it's on the flight line, in the MPF or downtown. If they get into a situation and they need assistance, we're there to help. It doesn't matter what unit you're assigned to; doesn't matter what service you're assigned to. The fact that we're all American needs to be all that's said. We need to take care of each other.

44th FS invites spouses to witness life at the workplace



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

TURNING WRENCHES: Airmen 1st Class John Yates and Bruce Ferris and Staff Sgt. Jason Hooks of the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron check the airframe mounted accessory drive on an F-15 prior to a taxi ride during the 44th Fighter Squadron's Family Appreciation Day Feb. 3. More than 30 family members came out to the flightline to see what their loved ones do on a daily basis.

TAKE A SEAT: Sergeant Jason Hooks straps his wife, Megan, into the seat of an F-15 Eagle before her taxi ride.



Officials advise Kadena residents to flush tap water before drinking

By Capt. Carlos Diaz
18th Wing Public Affairs

Recent water quality tests on base indicate higher-than-normal levels of lead in tap water. Though cause for increased testing, current lead levels do not present a medical health risk at this time, according to 18th Wing medics.

Japan Environmental Governing Standards, however, require base officials to notify all Kadena residents of increased lead levels. On Wednesday, Kadena housing office employees went door-to-door delivering flyers detailing the problem and providing recommendations to increase water quality.

"We've hit a trigger with 15 parts per billion in the

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Col. Juan Ibanez
18th CEG commander

water, telling us to be cautious, but not alarmed," said Col. Lawrence Steinkraus, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander.

"The JEGS are very conservative when it comes to water quality standards. They have a tremendous buffer between acceptable levels of lead, copper and other elements and what will cause immediate health problems," said the colonel.

The clinic at Kadena routinely screens children for

higher than normal levels, and none of those results were related to water use.

It would take many decades of exposure to lead at such low levels to develop any health problem, according to Colonel Kash.

Officials from the 18th Civil Engineer Group pointed out that pipes in most facilities older than 35 years leave trace amounts of lead in the water, mainly from solders connecting pipes.

"There are filters that will take the lead out, but at the very low levels of lead shown in the water system you'll be just as safe if you run the tap prior to drinking," said Col. Juan Ibanez, 18th CEG commander.

Water in the Chibana and O'Donnell housing areas were not sampled in

the recent tests, which only measured quality on the main base. Officials plan to test those areas in the near future.

For now all housing residents are advised to run their taps 15 to 30 seconds before drinking or cooking any time the faucet has not been used for a period of more than six hours.

"On or off-base, it's always a good idea to run the tap prior to drinking," said Colonel Ibanez.

To conserve water, fill a couple of bottles for drinking water after flushing the tap, and whenever possible use the first flush water to wash dishes or water plants.

For more information on water quality, contact the bioenvironmental engineering flight at 634-4752.

CHILDCARE

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Major Lawrence said the program started as a result of the wing's last exercise. He said Airmen, especially single parents and dual income families working 12-hour shifts on the flightline, were having difficulties finding childcare as a result of inaccurate information being provided to the CDC staff.

"Our biggest problem has been [receiving] accurate data for planning purposes," explained Colonel Palumbo. "For example, we would have 150 parents say they need care, but only 60 children would actually show. This causes a great deal of wasted effort, but more importantly it causes doubt about the true need."

"If this system works as well as we think, the process will not only be easier, but will provide a

more reliable product that allows Services and the CDCs to partner more efficiently with customers.”

Under the new experimental process, officials will activate the system weeks before any large-scale exercise. CDC customers requiring childcare will go online and register their requirements at least three weeks in advance. CDC staff will compile a final list of all customers requiring service one week before the childcare is needed.

Sergeant Scheunemann said the initial trial of the process will likely reveal some systematic flaws, but adjustments to the process will be made as they are needed.

Major Lawrence, who motivated Sergeant Sheunemann to develop the database, is enthusiastic about the potential the system has to improve communication between the CDC and customers.

"This partnership with our Mission Support Group professionals has potential to provide huge benefits for the 18th Wing," Major Lawrence said.

BRONZE

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during Operation Southern Watch, I thought the world revolved around my airplane. But now I know that everything I do while flying is in direct support of the guys on the ground. I will take that lesson with me for the rest of my career."

The Bristol, Tenn., native said he was honored and humbled to receive the Bronze Star.

"I'm proud of the work my unit did while I was deployed," he said. "I'm even more proud of my enlisted tactical air control party Airmen who have also received the recognition they deserved."

Exploring African-American culture



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

Dianne Limoges, 18th Munitions Squadron, reads "The Colors of Us" to Bob Hope Elementary School students Feb. 7. Since Monday, seven volunteers have read cultural books to Kadena school children to celebrate African-American Heritage Month. For more information on African-American Heritage Month activities or to volunteer, see Page 3.

Friday

BANYAN TREE: Flashback Friday from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Top 40 Virus from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

• Mainstream and urban beats from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

• Social hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Deja Vu hits from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Variety dance hits from 7 p.m. to close.

EMERY LANES: Thunder Bowl from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

• Free bowling for ages 10 to 18

from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

ITT TOURS: Aroma Bath House tour. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

OKUMA: Valentine's Day Two Night Getaway. Offer includes a two night stay, steak and lobster dinner, flowers, violin music and more. Call 632-4FUN for more information.

YOUTH CENTER: Valentine's Day Dance. Children ages 6-8 can enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and dance. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

each.

ITT TOURS: Bios on the Hill and Manamo Cliff.

• Relaxing Day at Hotel Nikko Alvila. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close.

Monday

BANYAN TREE: Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

• Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Classic to modern rock music selections from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

SCHILLING: Violin instruction starts at 2 p.m.

• Japanese Conversation Class. Ages 18 and older are invited to attend class starting at 7:30 p.m.

• Salsa dance lessons begins at 8 p.m.

Saturday

BANYAN TREE: Super Ladies Night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

• Latin, salsa, and reggae from 10 p.m. until close in the ballroom.

• Hip Hop from 8 p.m. to close in the lounge.

ITT TOURS: Battle of Okinawa and Okinawa Folks Tale Tours. For more information call ITT at 634-4322.

SCHILLING: Family Valentines Dance from 7 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Top 40 Variety Dance Hits.

YOUTH CENTER: Valentine's Day Dance. Children ages 9-12 can enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and dance. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Sunday

BANYAN TREE: Juke Box Jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

EMERY LANES: Family Day from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Games are \$1

invited to attend class starting at 7:30 p.m.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER: Accompanied Newcomer's Bus Tour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-3366 for more information.

Thursday

SCHILLING: Japanese Conversation Class. Ages 18 and older are invited to attend class starting at 10 a.m.

• Tai Chi Chuan begins at 5 p.m.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER: Welcome Walk begins at 10 a.m. Call 634-3366 for more information.

• Group Pre-Separation Counseling begins at 2 p.m.

• Secrets to Retiring Rich begins at 5 p.m.

• Basic Japanese Language Class starts at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 18

DEPLOYED SPOUSE DINNER: Kadena Chapel 1 will host a deployed spouses dinner between 6 and 8 p.m.

Feb. 20

BANYAN TREE: Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

• Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Classic to modern rock music selections from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

SCHILLING: Japanese Conversation Class. Ages 18 and older are invited to attend class starting at 7:30 p.m.

• Violin instruction starts at 2 p.m.

• Salsa dance lessons begins at 8 p.m.

Feb. 21

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER: Sponsorship Training begins at 3 p.m. Call 634-3366 for more information.

Feb. 22

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER: Heartlink begins at 8 a.m.

• Unaccompanied Newcomer's Bus Tour starts at 9 a.m. Call 634-3366 for more information.

• Japanese Bi-cultural Marriage Workshop starts at 1 p.m.

Feb. 23

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER: Group Pre-separation Counseling begins at 2 p.m. Call 634-3366 for more information.

Feb. 24

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER: Group Veteran's Administration Briefing begins at 9 a.m.

• First-Time Homebuyers class begins at 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 27

BANYAN TREE: Juke Box Jams from 7 p.m. to close.

• Social Hour from 6 to 8 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Classic to modern rock music selections from 7

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

* First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Friday.....*Glory Road, PG, 6 p.m.
- *Big Momma's House, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday... Glory Road, PG, noon
- In the Mix, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- *Big Momma's House, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday.....*Glory Road, PG, noon
- In the Mix, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- *Big Momma's House, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday.....*Grandma's Boy, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday.....Syriana, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday...Ice Harvest, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday.....*Underworld: Evolution, R, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Friday.....*Underworld: Evolution, R, 6 p.m.
- *Underworld: Evolution, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.....The Legend of Zorro, PG, noon
- Yours, Mine and Ours, PG, 4 p.m.
- Underworld: Evolution, R, 7 p.m.
- Syriana, R, 10 p.m.

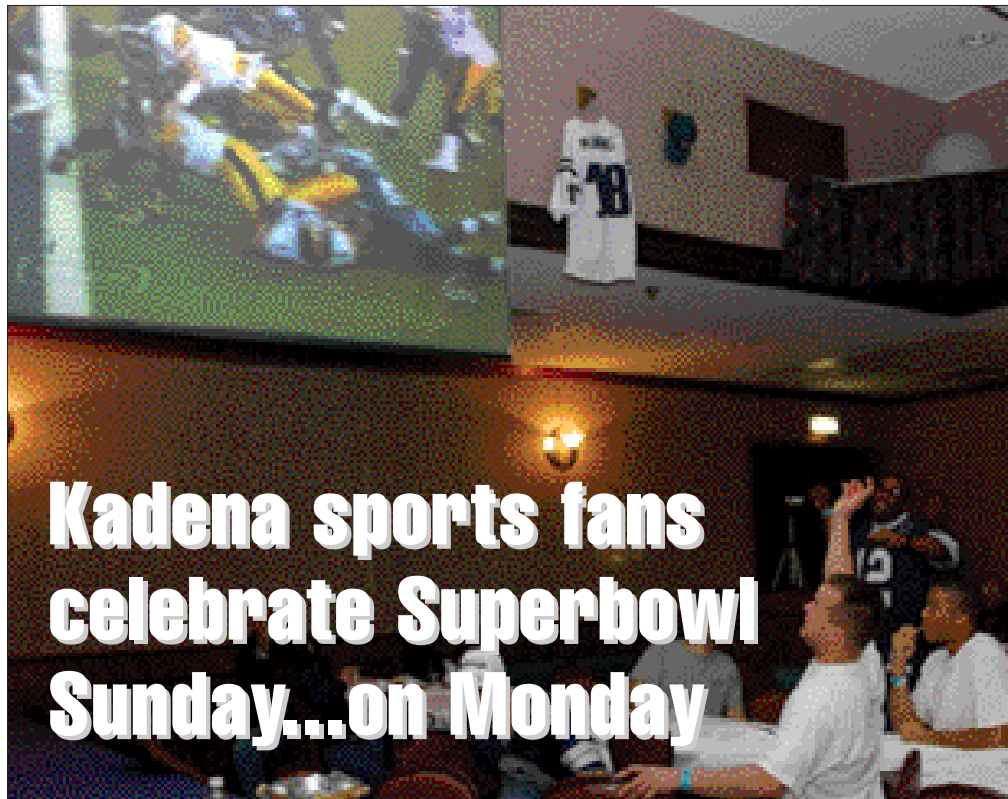
C H A P E L

Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
- Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.
- Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
- Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Contemporary worship: Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219



Kadena sports fans celebrate Superbowl Sunday...on Monday

Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards



BIG SCREEN: Team Kadena members cheer on their respective teams during the Super Bowl party at the Rocker NCO Club Monday morning. Hundreds of fans enjoyed America's most watched sporting event at three base clubs. The Pittsburgh Steelers grounded the Seattle Seahawks with a final score of 21-10.

CHEERS: Tech. Sgt. Peter Guzman, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron (left), Staff Sgt. Erik Marsaln, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron, (center) and Master Sgt. David Ross, 18th Civil Engineer Group, cheer for the Pittsburgh Steelers after one of three scoring drives.

Intramural basketball standings

Western

Team	W	L
18 CES (B)	6	0
18 SVS	5	1
18 LRS (A)	5	2
18 EMS (B)	4	2
554 RHS	4	2
909 ARS	3	3
DET 3, 25 IOS	1	6
82 RS	1	6
18 CS (B)	0	6

Central

Team	W	L
353 OSS	6	1
18 CMS	5	2
18 AMDS	4	3
18 OSS	4	3
18 CONS	4	3
18 AMXS	4	3
18 LRS (B)	2	6
44 FS	2	5
18 SFS	1	6

Eastern

Team	W	L
18 EMS (A)	6	1
18 CES (A)	6	1
18 CS (A)	6	1
18 MUNS	4	3
18 MOS	2	5
961 AACs	2	5
353 MXS	2	5
390 IS	0	7

Standings current as
Wednesday

A little help from the pros

Samantha Stewart, daughter of Master Sgt. Robert Stewart of the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, follows a routine with St. Louis Rams cheerleader "Angeline" at the Kadena Youth Cheerleading Clinic Sunday. More than 45 children participated in the clinic that was held at the Kadena Youth Gym. For more information on youth activities call the youth center at 634-0500.



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Briefs

Kadena Falcons champs

The Kadena Falcons varsity volleyball team slammed the Set-to-Spike team in two straight sets with scores of 24-10 and 25-18 to win the Camp Hansen Volleyball tournament. The Falcons finished the six-match tournament undefeated.

Okinawa Marathon notes

Due to the Okinawa Marathon that runs through Kadena's gates Feb. 26, The Shogun Inn will be blocked to vehicle traffic from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Vehicles already parked will have to remain in place until roadblocks are taken down.

- The Officers Club brunch will be closed for the event.

- The Kadena Library will remain open, but parking will not be available during the above time-frame.